

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims in the application to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a plant polypeptide gene capable of controlling leaf shapes, the polynucleotide encoding an amino acid sequence from Met at position 1 to Val at position 690 of SEQ ID NO: 2 ~~in the SEQUENCE LISTING, including any polynucleotide encoding an amino acid sequence in which one or more amino acids are deleted, substituted or added to the amino acid sequence.~~

2. (Amended) The A polynucleotide according to claim 1, wherein said plant polynucleotide is capable of controlling leaf shape by altering at least one of the leaf length and leaf width ~~derived from rice.~~

3. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a plant polypeptide capable of controlling leaf shape, wherein the polynucleotide has a base sequence according to claim 1 as represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 ~~in the SEQUENCE LISTING.~~

4. (New) The isolated polynucleotide according to claim 3, wherein said plant polynucleotide is capable of controlling leaf shape by altering at least one of the leaf length and leaf width.